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1. I FIND REFTEL (B) EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING, AND WOULD PREFER NOT RPT NOT TO DELIVER ITS SUBSTANCE TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. ASMAH WILL BE QUITE BUSY DURING AVIATION TALKS, AND WILL WANT TO USE LITTLE TIME REMAINING DURING WEEK OF NOV 10 FOR PERSONAL BUSINESS.

3. I URGENTLY REITERATE REQUEST THAT MEANINGFUL APPOINTMENTS BE SET UP FOR ASMAH TWO OR THREE DAYS BEGINNING NOV 17. HIS KEY INTERESTS, IN ADDITION TO AVIATION, WILL BE COCOA AND AID, FOLLOWED BY EXMIBANK FINANCING AND OPIC AND OTHER FINANCIAL GUARANTEES, AND SUCH MILTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AS MTN.

4. IT IS IN USG INTEREST TO MEET THIS REQUEST, FOR ASMAH IS IN KEY POSITION TO INFLUENCE MODERATION OR OTHERWISE IN BILATERAL US-GHANAIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IN FACT, IT IS CLEAR THAT HE ATTEMPTING TO INJECT FLEXIBILITY INTO GOG AVIATION POSTURE. GRANTING HIM APPOINTMENTS SEPARATE FROM AVIATION TALKS TIME PERIOD WILL NOT ONLY ALLOW HIM MORE TIME TO PURSUE INTERESTS BUT WILL ADD TO HIS PRESTIGE AND HIS FEELING THAT HIS VISIT BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY.
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